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WILDERNESS IS CLASSROOM FOR UM WILDERNESS AND CIVILIZATION PROGRAM MISSOULA --

More than five million acres of Rocky Mountain wilderness will serve as a classroom for The University of Montana's 17th annual Wilderness and Civilization Program next fall and winter.

The intensive two-quarter program, sponsored by the UM forestry school's Wilderness Institute, blends the sciences and humanities to focus on understanding wildlands and their relationship to contemporary American society. Enrollment is limited to 28 undergraduates, and the deadline for applications is June 15.

The program begins in September with a 10-day backpacking trip in a western Montana wilderness area to give students first-hand knowledge of major wilderness management problems and issues. After returning to campus, students begin two quarters of intensive reading, writing, discussion and project work. The program will conclude in March with a second 10-day wilderness trip.

The interdisciplinary program is an integral part of UM's wilderness studies minor. Further information and application forms are available from the Wilderness Institute, School of Forestry, The University of Montana, Missoula 59812; 243-5361.

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